

TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES W.
ESTUS, SR.

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated educator and sociologist, Dr. Charles W. Estus, Sr., who has recently retired from his position as Director of the University Transportation Center at Assumption College.

Dr. Estus has had a long and distinguished career in academia. He has taught sociology since 1962, and he has spent 34 of those 40 years teaching at Assumption College where he was named Professor Emeritus in 2000. He has written on many subjects including the sociology of religion and the history of Swedish-Americans. Along with his study of Swedish-Americans, Dr. Estus sits on the Board of Directors of the Swedish-American Historical Society.

In addition to a long career in the classroom, Dr. Estus also worked to promote education through Assumption College's University Transportation Center, serving as its founding director. Created under the Transportation Equity Act in 1999, the Center's mission is to develop an understanding of the relationship between transportation and the environment. The affects of transportation on the environment are becoming increasingly clear in the 21st century, and Dr. Estus deserves praise for helping to bring this message to his community.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Dr. Estus for his work as an educator and wishes him the best of luck in retirement.

A SALUTE TO MAIMONIDES HEBREW DAY SCHOOL OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT AND MRS. HOPE GOLDMAN BERGER NATHAN

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, Monday, June 10th is the 22nd Anniversary of the Maimonides Hebrew Day School in my congressional district in Albany, New York. This year's recipient of the Dr. Morton Berger Memorial Award is Mrs. Hope Goldman Berger Nathan.

On Monday, the Maimonides Hebrew Day School of the Capital District, an exemplary pre-K through 12 educational institution affiliated with Torah Umesorah National Association of Hebrew Day Schools, will hold its Annual Scholarship Dinner marking 22 years of outstanding Orthodox Jewish education with outstanding secular education for Jewish youth of the Capital Region.

The School is named after Moses Maimonides, a sage rabbi, teacher, and physician who created the first comprehensive code of Jewish law—and serves a role model for excellence.

In this age of unprecedented challenges, especially in the wake of the catastrophic attacks

upon our nation on September 11, 2001, our young people need the optimal moral, religious, and secular education to prepare them for a challenging future.

As part of the Maimonides Dinner, Hope Goldman Berger Nathan will be presented with the Doctor Morton Berger Memorial Award. This award was established in loving memory of her husband, Doctor Berger (of blessed memory), in recognition of his outstanding leadership on behalf of Jewish education and Jewish communal life in the Capital Region and New York State, until his untimely death as a crime victim of a drunk driver.

Since arriving in Albany with Doctor Berger over 42 years ago, Hope Goldman Berger Nathan has raised three wonderful children, Linda, Howard and Allen—who themselves have excelled in Jewish and secular education and community service.

Mrs. Nathan has rendered invaluable service to Jewish education and communal life including but not limited to Maimonides Hebrew Day School of the Capital District, The Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, the "Vaad Hakashruth" (Board of Kosher dietary laws), Congregation Shomray Torah, Congregation Beth Abraham Jacob, Temple Israel and its Camp Givah, and Congregation Beth Emeth.

Mrs. Hope Goldman Berger Nathan, with her beloved husband, Tom Nathan, continues to play an active role in community service.

I also proudly extend my highest regard to Maimonides School President Yisroel Bindell, the School's Rosh Yeshiva, the esteemed Rabbi Israel Rubin, and all of the administrators, staff, teachers and students, and offer them my best wishes for continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT S.
HARGRAVES

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Robert "Bobby" Hargraves, a distinguished Arkansan, attorney, and life-long Democrat who died on June 1st at the young age of 55.

Bobby's notable career in law began after he graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1973. He then moved to Hot Springs with his wife, Joanie, to begin a 29-year law practice. In those 29 years, he has served as an Arkansas Bar Examiner and has twice served as a Special Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, in addition to serving as a special Circuit Judge and Chancery Judge.

But Bobby did much more for his community than uphold and defend the law; he was an exemplary citizen who cared a great deal for children, and he focused much of his work to better their lives and their futures. He served as Garland County's first Juvenile Referee and President of the Arkansas Juvenile Judges Association. He established the juvenile justice program in Hot Springs, and he founded the Ouachita Children's Center dedicated to providing emergency shelter and support services for abused, neglected, and troubled youth.

Bobby was an avid gardener and outdoorsman, a devoted family man and member of the Episcopal Church, and a pillar in the Hot

Springs community. He was a close, personal friend of President Bill Clinton.

I know this is a difficult time for Bobby's wife, Joanie, their sons, Lucas and Jacob, his mother, Jean, his brother and two sisters, and all of his many friends and relatives whom he loved dearly. I am keeping all of them in my thoughts and prayers.

While Bobby Hargraves may no longer be with us, his spirit and his legacy live on in the many lives of those he touched.

TRIBUTE TO RUBIN AND SHARON
PIKUS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the outstanding service of Rubin and Sharon Pikus. They are exemplary members of the community, devoting much of their time to numerous volunteer organizations.

I would also like to recognize the accomplishments and service of their daughters, Andrea Hirsch and Marcy Katz, and their sons-in-law, Charles Hirsch and Jeff Katz.

The Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence is honoring these exceptional individuals for their service to the community.

Sharon Pikus first became involved with the Coalition Against Domestic Violence while she co-chaired the Commission for Women's Equality of American Jewish Congress. The Commission helped countless women and children on Long Island by educating the community about the plight of abuse victims.

Rubin Pikus has been an activist in housing related issues on Long Island. He is also a Board Member of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence. His involvement has brought a wealth of business and housing knowledge to the organization.

Charles and Andrea Hirsch, in addition to their duties as the parents of two children, commit time, energy, and resources to the Coalition.

Jeff and Marcy Katz, the proud parents of Miles Katz, have successfully balanced their personal and professional lives with involvement in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Rubin and Sharon Pikus for their life-long service to their community. I also commend Charles and Andrea Hirsch and Jeff and Marcy Katz for ensuring the continuity of this unselfish commitment to the betterment of others.

D-DAY VETERANS

HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, on this, the 58th Anniversary of D-Day, I address the House to honor 6 heroic Arizonans.

This past Monday I had the pleasure of awarding Don Benford, Joe Cicchinelli, Archie Dixon, Frank Kirinich, Mike Mills and Richard Thim the "Jubilee of Liberty" medal and a certificate of thanks from the French government for their outstanding bravery, valor and extraordinary service to the liberation of France.